



Reflections on AMUN

by Louie Cathemer

As conference proceedings neared completion, several representatives said they had mixed feeling about the process. In the First GA, Representative Sam Mulopulos of Uzbekistan said the committee "got off on the wrong foot" by establishing a 15 minute limit on debate, causing ineffective debate and stifling cooperation. Representative Marcus Taylor of South Africa echoed his sentiments, adding that initially many representatives were much more interested in quantity over quality. Representative Mulopulos said he believes a desire to win awards leads to hasty attempts to force resolutions through the body.

Both representatives noted a vast improvement in later proceedings. Representative Mulopulos said the high point came at the very end of proceedings Monday night, when Uzbekistan and the US joined efforts to produce a comprehensive resolution on nuclear nonproliferation.

In the IAEA, Representative Eric Becklin of

Cote d'Ivoire said that he was "happy with how well the body can work together when it sees the need." However, he noted that "immaturity" on the part of some delegates diminished the experience, referring to the walkout on Monday night.

Also in IAEA, Representative Ofer Fass of Greece said he was offended by allegedly threatening and offensive notes passed to the representatives of Israel. He said these notes went beyond simulation bounds and had affected the personal lives of some representatives. The Dais is not releasing the notes.

ESCWA Discusses Water Resources

by Marianty Mavros

ESCWA finalized its report on water resources and social development. This body worked arduously to build consensus among all Member States and the result was the creation of a report that supports regional policies.

Such policies are focused on schemes to improve water efficiency and forms to employ the increasing youth population. After extensive deliberation, the draft report passed by consensus with no abstentions.

ESCWA still faces challenges for the future ac-

ording to Representative Ana Schmitt from Egypt, she said "I think that ESCWA's biggest challenge for the future is women's rights because it was hard to find consensus in that area."

Representatives said they were satisfied with the progress made in the body on the two topics treated. Representative James Vancel of the Syrian Arab Republic said, "I believe that our biggest accomplishment in this report was to collaborate between nations to enforce new, effective forms of irrigation techniques and the creation of a regional free-investment zone."

What Drives Over-aggressive Behavior in Committee?

by Louie Cathemer

At the faculty advisors meeting Sunday, several Permanent Representatives and faculty advisors complained that some representatives act overly aggressive and are unwilling to compromise because they are graded on how many resolutions they pass in committees. "It takes away the thought process," said Dr. Sharon Jones of Columbia College.

Dr. Jones said she wants her students to experience the process of diplomacy and develop an understanding of how the real UN works. But these experiences are diminished if students are only concerned with passing resolutions - quantity over quality.

Executive Director

Brian Endless said that AMUN Conference Handbook officially encourages faculty to base grades only on advance preparation, not on the conference itself. Director Endless requested comment for the Chronicle from faculty who grade at the conference, but none came forward.

Dr. Ron Fox of California State University, Sacramento said he believes the real cause of distasteful behavior is an emphasis on winning awards. Dr. Fox, whose school has won many awards at AMUN, believes that awards should be deemphasized or eliminated. However, he noted that many schools feel awards are important for securing funding.

CONGRATULATIONS REPRESENTATIVES



ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

Weekend Meets Expectations

by Hannah Douglas

Representatives at the AMUN conference this year had a very full schedule.

Early mornings soon became late evenings, and free time was often limited, but representatives still found time to enjoy the conference.

Representative Shaquanda Stevenson of the United Arab Emirates said her experiences overall at the conference were worth the additional effort.

"There were plenty of times I've been tired and I didn't get a chance to eat, but the experience was great," she said.

Representative Layla

Falhan of Pakistan said not only has she learned a lot about international politics at AMUN, but she has also learned a bit about herself.

"Before the conference, I was expecting myself to be more silent because I don't really like talking in front of the public," she said. "But I feel more confident now."

Representative Jimmy Proszek of Turkmenistan said his experience at the conference inspired him to want to become a better diplomat. He added that even though the conference was demanding, there was still time to enjoy the city of Chicago.

Points of Order

by Mario Garciduenas

As the GA Second committee meeting progressed, the representative of the US stepped up to the floor, to clarify why they were listed twice on their resolution. He said, "I only wish everyone who worked so diligently on this resolution could also have their names on there twice if not three times." At the end of the speech, Representative Michael Eichberger of Jordan called out a point of order asking, "is the second representative of the US going to come up since they are listed twice?" This comment broke the room into laughter. However, according to other representatives, points of order have not really been used in a proper way, much less a comedic one.

Representative Justin Garner of Nepal in 1st GA said, "points of order have been recklessly used and I feel they

have hindered the efficiency of the process." According to the representative he has heard as many as 20 points of order in a single session all of which have no merit.

IAEA's Representative Victoria Martinez of Cuba said, "no one could say anything without someone calling out a point of order." She further said, "please grow a thicker skin, we are simulating the real world."

While it is hard to believe, more than 20 points of order were called out during session at GA plenary, and in a matter of five seconds 3 were called out back to back due to dress code concerns. Whether they are used strategically to slow down a meeting and filibuster a resolution, or simply to get a chance to speak, the words "point of order," have become the most used at this conference.

IAEA Finishes Productively Despite Strife

by Louie Cathemer

Despite a walkout on Monday night that continued Tuesday morning, the IAEA concluded its session by adopting two reports, one addressing multi-lateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle and another addressing Iran's nuclear program.

The report addressing the nuclear fuel cycle was adopted by consensus with abstentions by Algeria and DPRK. Representatives from Indonesia coordinated the deliberations chapter, which included statements from most delegations. Japan led a bloc that drafted recommendations to the GA Plenary, and a bloc

of African States led by South Africa, Cote d'Ivoire, Uganda, Mozambique and Namibia drafted recommendations to the IAEA itself. The report also included three resolutions adopted by the body: II/2, II/3, and II/5.

The body failed to reach consensus on the report addressing Iran's nuclear program, but the report was passed by a vote of 37/3/4. The report also included resolution I/1. While a strong majority favored the document, Israel argued that the report was too soft on Iran.

Copies of the reports were unavailable at press time.

Personals

JSH: Congratulations on making it through another crisis! With all due reverence to BE -- you rock the sim world. Love, KDH

Pruitt 2, Toaster Ø - From L&L

Grad Programs, Careers Displayed at Expo

by Marianty Mavros

The Graduate School and Career Expo took place Tuesday in the Continental Ballroom from 9 am to 1 pm. The Expo featured a variety of graduate programs and non-profits.

Some of the institutions at the Expo included American University, Chicago-Kent School of Law, New York University and Pace Law School. The exposition focused on careers like journalism, law, international commerce and interna-

tional relations. Other fields included school of government, social work and public service.

Participants of all years in school attended the expo and received information that will be helpful for their future. Igor Borisevich, representative of Azerbaijan, said, "I think this was a good opportunity to meet with the representatives of law school and get familiarized with the process, I really want to go to law school."

The Representative Dance: Some Keep it "Playa," While Some Choose to Play it Safe

by Zac Hale

While the rest of the world bobbed their heads to Kanye West's new album on Monday night, AMUN representatives boogied like there was no tomorrow—or at least no morning GA Plenary session.

Conference participants always look forward to the AMUN representative dance, which provides an opportunity for them to see each other in a new, dimmer light. Last night in the Hilton's Northwest Exhibit Hall, debate-weary represen-

tatives got a chance to stop moving their lips, and start shaking their hips to the danceable stylings of DJ Big Once.

However, not every-one who attended the event used the opportunity to sweat out their conference related stress on the dance floor. Many representatives gathered to have some much needed casual conversation on the stairs or by the water cooler, while others stood on the perimeter of the room and observed AMUN's special brand of dance party. "It is a high-school-

esque, intermediary experience," said the representative of Pakistan when asked about his peripheral position in the dance hall. Others seconded the opinion of an anonymous representative that, "it smells [bad]... we all need deodorant."

Despite critiques on immaturity and odor, the majority of representatives that made their way down to the dance had a ball; when asked how they liked the event this year, the most common response was, "It's awesome!"

Although it ran 20 minutes over its allotted time, many were vocally discontent when the dance finally wound down. However, after some straggling flirtation, most representatives made their way back to their rooms to rest up before the 8:30 am session.



ECOSOC Successfully Passes Resolutions

by Marianty Mavros

At the final stage of the conference the body continued to do extremely efficient work. Five resolutions were passed this morning, three of them by consensus as Member States collaborated in the international fight against terrorism.

The committee was successful and covered the three topics in the agenda. Representative Sam Huppert of Zambia said, "I think our greatest accomplishment was getting so much done in such an efficient way. We had great discussions on the agenda topics and did not get lost in petty things."

The biggest contribu-

tors to the creation of successful resolutions were Argentina and Greece, they had 10 and 9 resolutions passed, respectively. Both nations expressed their desire to aid the developing world and the international community as a whole.

"Argentina considers itself a leader in the developing world and the resolutions we were involved in mostly aimed at aiding developing countries," said Representative Michael Weingartner of Argentina.

Representative Salvador Carmona of Greece said, "We expect the resolutions passed to benefit our country and the international community equally."

Bonus Personals

This is America's next top model UN

Bernie Brown, Pakistani man, single and ready to mingle

Congrats to everyone on a fantastic conference! -- MPH

GA Sixth Passes Resolutions

by Elfego Chavez

Yesterday's goal for representatives of the Sixth GA is producing a clear resolution to collectively ensure citizenship for stateless persons through cooperation of represented nations.

"Stateless persons require representation and to be accounted for with the consideration of statelessness," said represen-

representative Diana Lopez of the Republic of North Korea. "The engagement of all represented nations to give them a voice through citizenship is essential."

Last night a resolution on topic one, which addresses stateless persons in their countries, was passed as well as several resolutions on topic two.

not have passed." In an attempt to filibuster the resolution, the representative of Bahrain called to suspend the meeting with only minutes remaining. The motion failed and the resolution passed. The final tally was 69/10/12 in favor of the amended resolution.

Representative Boetje of Indonesia did not support the resolution and withdrew from the Kimberly process because of it.

ICJ Updates

by Louie Cathemer

Court Finds Violations in Georgia v. Russia

In a majority opinion signed by 11 of 14 justices on Monday evening, the ICJ found Russia in violation of eight separate provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The court ordered Russia to return to the negotiating table and ordered both Russia and Georgia to cease support of paramilitary organizations in the region.

The court found that Russia's refusal to allow natives of South Ossetia and Abkhazia to return to their homes constituted racial discrimination. The court also found that both Russia and Georgia had caused bodily harm and loss of life through military attacks on civilians.

Advocate Sylvia Prepniwski said "Georgia is pleased with the ruling." However, she said she disagreed with the court's assertion that Georgia supports paramilitary groups.

Advocates Brett Barnes and Ben Stoltman for Russia said they have faith that CERD can resolve the dispute, but Russia still recognizes South Ossetia and Abkhazia as regions struggling for independence.

Court Hears Arguments in Aerial Fumigation Case

Advocates Michael Olsta and David Manglano for Ecuador argued on Monday night that Colombia's campaign to eradicate coca cultivation through aerial fumigation had caused health problems, damaged crops, and harmed ecosystems in Ecuador. Coca grown in Colombia is used to produce most of the cocaine distributed worldwide.

Advocates for Colombia defended their policy, stating that there was no evidence that glyphosate, the primary herbicide used in the aerial spraying, caused health problems in humans or animals. Advocates for Ecuador disagreed, noting that the Colombian Health Institute likened the fumigation program to "human experimentation."

In questioning, Justice Augustynowicz asked the advocates for Colombia if they thought it would be wise to eradicate coca by different means to avoid potential harm. Colombia's advocates responded that their country shouldn't have to change its policy based on potentialities. They also argued that eradication of coca serves a global good that should supersede ecological concerns.

GA Plenary Drops the Ball

by Mario Garciduenas

Resolutions on the first topic of GA Plenary were discussed Monday night. While there were various working papers and draft resolutions, only one passed. Draft resolution I/1, written by Representative George Allan of the Democratic Republic of the Congo started as an appealing plan to "enforce the Kimberly process."

However, according to Representative Morgan Shelbourn of China, a lengthy amendment passed

just minutes before voting changed "the entire meaning of the resolution." According to her it actually contradicts the essence of the resolution. The amendment talked about removing the Kimberly process and adding all precious minerals and mining to the agenda.

When going into voting, Representative Eric Boetje of Indonesia said that, "had the body had a chance to really read it, it would

not have passed." In an attempt to filibuster the resolution, the representative of Bahrain called to suspend the meeting with only minutes remaining. The motion failed and the resolution passed. The final tally was 69/10/12 in favor of the amended resolution.

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The delegate is hot MAB...



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